Metro rail services

1131. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently feasibility studies have been undertaken for providing metro rail services to some major cities across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the cities identified for the purpose and the pattern of funding outlined therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some feasibility studies have been carried out by the respective State Governments, with Government of India's assistance of 40% of the cost of the study. On the basis of feasibility studies, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are prepared and each project is appraised for its viability, impact and other aspects and the pattern of funding is decided accordingly. Among the studies/DPRs that have been taken up are those in Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, etc. In Bangalore, after preparation of the DPR, the State Government has got a Financial Appraisal carried out by UTI Bank Ltd. recently. In Delhi, DPR for Phase-II of the Delhi MRTS Project has been taken up. In Mumbai, a Metro Master Plan has been prepared by the consultants and DPR for two priority corridors have been taken up. In other cities, studies/DPRs are at different stages.

Amendment in Master Plan of Delhi

1132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has agreed to amend the Master Plan of Delhi, 2001 to regularise all the residential areas that have more than 70 per cent industries to save the industries from imminent closure; and

(b) if so, when the process would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) On a reference received from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), the Union Government has issued a